

REMARKS / ARGUMENTS

Claims 1-3, 5, 11, 15-16, 18, 27, 29-32, 34-36 and 38-59 remain pending in this application. New claims 40-59 have been added.

Information Disclosure Statement

Applicant has filed an RCE in order to make documents cited in Applicant's other applications of record in the present application. Although the Examiner is familiar with many of these references, including U.S. Patent No. 5,431,970 to Broun et al which was cited in co-pending application 08/910,115. This IDS is being filed in order to make them officially of record.

The Examiner is requested to consider each of these references carefully. Applicant submits that the pending claims patentably define the present invention over all over all of the cited art.

Title

The Title has been amended to be more consistent with the claim language.

Claim Amendments

The claims have been amended in some instances to improve readability and to have clearer antecedent basis, without affecting the patentability of the claims.

These claim amendments are based upon the claims as amended by the Examiner and contained in the Notice of Allowance mailed February 9, 2005. The Examiner is hereby invited to contact the undersigned with any questions regarding the amendments in order to expedite the issuance of subject matter previously indicated as being allowable.


New dependent claims have been added. These claims are supported by the originally filed specification which incorporates a number of patents by reference. For example, U.S. Patent No. 5,366,801 discloses microcapsules containing phase change materials (PCMs) applied as a coating in order to provide reversible enhanced thermal properties. As another example, U.S. Patent No. 4,756,958 discloses a fabric with integral microcapsules containing PCMs. Pursuant to MPEP section 608.01(p), no amendment to the specification is necessary.

Conclusion

In view of the foregoing, Applicant respectfully requests that a timely Notice of Allowance be issued in this case.

Respectfully submitted,

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